

Dear Public Health Committee,

I am writing to **OPPOSE SB568 AN ACT ELIMINATING THE NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION TO THE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT.**

I am writing as a devout christian. I have committed my life to Jesus Christ and his teachings. And I am afraid. I am afraid that you, our CT legislators, are little by little taking away our rights to worship and live our lives according to our faith. Removing the religious exemption not only affects children, and their families, but it affects adults, like me, who may want to pursue higher education later in life. I will never take a vaccine. Let me repeat that, NEVER. No matter what law you pass. I follow my lord and savior's laws. Our government was built on insuring this religious freedom is preserved. What is happening is pure evil.

For us Christians who do not wish to participate in the vaccination process due to religious beliefs, we look to **Leviticus 19:19** for guidance. "Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: though shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woolen come upon thee."

Many substances in vaccines contain human and animal tissue. The Bible warns of sinners who mix human and sacrificed animal blood. In **Luke 13: 1-5**, it says, "There were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things?"

Parents who choose not to have their children vaccinated are supported through verses in the Bible. **It is up to parents to care for their children's welfare**, according to **1 Timothy 5:8**. Parents have every right legally and by religious beliefs to make decisions on behalf of their children, and not the state.

If Christians believe that **injecting unknown substances into their bodies or the bodies of their children poses health risks**, they can read **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**. "The temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Parents who disagree with vaccination are often told that vaccinating their children also protects other children in the community. Many Bible verses tell Christians not to harm their neighbors. But avoiding vaccines does not necessarily harm neighbors. If vaccines are effective, those who are vaccinated will be protected. **Those who believe vaccines contain harmful substances won't expose neighbors to the substances.**

These are just a few examples of scripture. **You must vote no on SB568 for Christians like me and Christians everywhere.**

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